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In re the application of

Burbank et al.

For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
SECURING MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS  
TO DESIRED LOCATIONS IN A  
PATIENT'S BODY**

) Examiner: Not yet assigned

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**SECOND PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced application as indicated  
below:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, after the title replace paragraph one with the following:

This application is a continuation of copending patent application Serial No.  
09/146,185, filed September 1, 1998, <sup>now 6,549,693</sup> which is a continuation-in-part of patent  
application Serial No. 09/057,303, filed April 8, 1998, <sup>now 6,331,166</sup> which claims benefit to provisional  
patent application Serial No. 60/076,973, filed March 3, 1998, all of which applications  
are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and from which priority is  
hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§119(e) and 120.

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